

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY**

Meeting Date: Wed., Sept. 21, 2005

Division: BOCC

Bulk Item: Yes ☐ No ☒

Department: Commissioner David Rice, District 4

Staff Contact Person: Tamara Lundstrom

AGENDA ITEM WORDING: Approval of a resolution to bond \$20 million funding for the Big Coppitt Regional Wastewater System Project to serve the Big Coppitt, Rockland, and Geiger Key service areas to provide additional funding to offset construction costs and lower the cost per EDU to the individual property owners. (An Inter-Local Agreement between the County and the Florida Keys Aqueduct Authority to administer the \$20 million for the Big Coppitt project will be presented for BOCC approval under separate agenda item.)

ITEM BACKGROUND: The County's agreement with DCA requires the County to bond \$40 million dollars for wastewater projects from infrastructure sales tax funds.

PREVIOUS RELEVANT BOCC ACTION: The BOCC approved in May of 2005 to bond \$20 million of wastewater funding for the Key Largo Wastewater Treatment District regional system. In June 2005, the Board approved advertisement of Request for Qualifications for Engineering Services to design the Big Coppitt Service Area.

CONTRACT/AGREEMENT CHANGES:

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

TOTAL COST:\$20,000,000.00

BUDGETED: Yes ☐ No ☒

COST TO COUNTY:_____

SOURCE OF FUNDS: Bond -

REVENUE PRODUCING: Yes ☐ No ☐ **AMOUNT PER MONTH**_____ **Year** _____

APPROVED BY: County Atty _____ OMB/Purchasing _____ Risk Management _____

DIVISION DIRECTOR APPROVAL:

David P. Rice

(David P. Rice, Commissioner)

DOCUMENTATION: Included ☒ Not Required _____

DISPOSITION:_____

AGENDA ITEM #_____

RESOLUTION NO. ____-2005

A RESOLUTION OF THE MONROE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COMMITTING TO ASSIST THE FLORIDA KEYS AQUEDUCT AUTHORITY IN THE FINANCING OF A WASTEWATER SYSTEM TO SERVE THE BIG COPPITT, ROCKLAND, AND GEIGER KEY AREAS, TO BE KNOWN AS THE BIG COPPITT REGIONAL WASTEWATER SYSTEM.

WHEREAS, the Monroe County Comprehensive Plan requires Monroe County to meet State mandated wastewater treatment standards by 2010; and

WHEREAS, the prevailing method of wastewater treatment in the Big Coppitt, Rockland, and Geiger Key areas is the utilization of cess pits and septic systems; and

WHEREAS, the Authority is authorized by Chapter 76-441, Laws of Florida, as amended, to design, construct and operate wastewater treatment systems; and

WHEREAS, by virtue of Chapter 99-395, section 6, Laws of Florida, passed by the Florida Legislature on May 22, 1998 and subsequently signed into law by the Governor of the State, the Authority possesses authority to act as the wastewater service provider in unincorporated areas of the County; and

WHEREAS, also on May 22, 1998, the County and the Authority adopted a Memorandum of Understanding the terms of which are intended to guide the parties' relationships in addressing wastewater service issues in certain parts of unincorporated Monroe County; and

WHEREAS, the Authority participated with the County in the development of the Monroe County Sanitary Wastewater Master Plan (the "Master Plan") for the Florida Keys which was adopted by the Monroe County Board of County Commissioners on May 18, 2000; and

WHEREAS, the Master Plan identified and acknowledged the benefits to Monroe County, its residents, visitors and environs from the installation of regionalized central sewer systems and identified areas and projects which should be given priority attention, referred to as "Hot Spots;" and

WHEREAS, the County and the Authority have worked to identify funding sources and grants from local, state and federal sources to advance the provision of central wastewater services and programs on a priority basis and guided by the Master Plan's identification of "Hot Spots;" and

WHEREAS, a first priority "Hot Spot" project identified in the Master Plan was the construction of a wastewater collection, treatment, effluent disposal and sludge disposal system for the Little Venice System; and

WHEREAS, the Authority has completed construction of the Little Venice Wastewater System and wastewater service and billing has commenced; and

WHEREAS, the Authority has constructed or is in the process of constructing wastewater projects in additional "Hot Spots" such as within the Conch Key portion of the Conch Key/Duck Key System and the Bay Point System, and within the City of Layton; and

WHEREAS, the County and the Authority entered an interlocal agreement on November 18, 2003, pursuant to which the County agreed to reimburse the Authority for up to \$40,000 to be expended by the Authority for the preparation of performance standards and criteria for the design and engineering of collection, treatment and disposal facilities to serve the Big Coppitt, Rockland, and Geiger Key areas, referred to as the Big Coppitt Regional Wastewater System; and

Commissioner Rice

WHEREAS, the Authority has approached the County with a request for additional financial assistance to construct the Big Coppitt Regional Wastewater System; and

WHEREAS, the construction of the Big Coppitt Regional Wastewater System will provide central wastewater service to three (3) additional "Hot Spot" areas identified in the Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, Monroe County and the Florida Keys Aqueduct Authority (FKAA) entered into an interlocal agreement on September 6, 2005, to work together to construct and place into service such wastewater treatment plants as are necessary to fulfill the 2010 goals for sewerage the Florida Keys; and

WHEREAS, the FKAA is in the process of securing bids for the design, permitting, and construction of a wastewater collection, treatment and disposal facility necessary to serve the Big Coppitt Regional Wastewater System; and

WHEREAS, the BOCC agreed in the September 6, 2005 interlocal agreement to provide the FKAA with up to TWENTY MILLION DOLLARS (\$20,000,000.00) from the proceeds of infrastructure sales surtax revenue bonds which will be issued by the County to assist in the capital cost of constructing a regional wastewater system serving the Lower Keys; and

WHEREAS, the BOCC finds it in the best interest of the public to commit to financial and other assistance in accomplishing the expeditious, effective, and cost-efficient implementation of a regional wastewater project for the Big Coppitt, Rockland, and Geiger Keys areas through the Big Coppitt Regional Wastewater System, now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MONROE COUNTY, FLORIDA that:

Section 1: The Board hereby agrees to assist the FKAA in the financing of the capital cost necessary to construct the Big Coppitt Regional Wastewater System up to the amount of TWENTY MILLION DOLLARS (\$20,000,000.00).

Section 2: The Board hereby authorizes the County's utility counsel to prepare for the Board's consideration such documents as are necessary to carry out the Board's intent with respect to the capital financing to be provided to the FKAA, in a manner consistent with the September 6, 2005 interlocal agreement.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners of Monroe County, Florida, at a regular meeting of said Board held on the 21st day of September, 2005.

Mayor Spehar _____
Mayor Pro Tem McCoy _____
Commissioner Nelson _____
Commissioner Neugent _____
Commissioner Rice _____

MONROE COUNTY ATTORNEY
APPROVED AS TO FORM:


SUZANNE E. HUTTON
ASSISTANT COUNTY ATTORNEY
Date 9/29/05

ATTEST:
DANNY L. KOLHAGE, CLERK

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF MONROE COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

By: _____
Mayor Dixie M. Spehar